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I write to tell you how important it is to find a better agreement on the Microsoft Settlement. I feel the proposed solution is much too lenient.

Though the courts have determined that Microsoft performed anti-trust actions in the browser field, the decision has little weight. The Microsoft browser is used by over 80% of the marketplace - the competition can never be restored.

I suggest that the DoJ solution realize the conclusion that allowing the software giant to remain as one unit will forever give them the ability to lock out the competition. All companies must use Microsoft's product for an operating system. Microsoft is also their biggest competitor. This is a conflict of interest, which you have the opportunity to rectify.

Please ensure Microsoft releases operating code to public-domain at the same time they release to their other product line sections. History has shown this to be a very effective way for them to remain ahead of their competition.

Best Regards,

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